Public Health Committee Monday, February 25, 2019 Public Hearing 10:30 A.M. in LOB Room 1D

Testimony in Support Of
Senate Bill No. 375 An Act Concerning Nursing Home Staffing Levels

Good Morning Co-Chairs Abrams, Steinberg and esteemed members of the Connecticut General Assembly's Public Health Committee. For the record, I am State Senator Douglas McCrory from the 2nd Senatorial District representing Hartford, Bloomfield and Windsor. I thank you all for the opportunity to express my support for **SB-375** An Act Concerning Nursing Home Staffing Levels.

A few weeks ago, I met with constituents who work in nursing homes and serve some of the most vulnerable people from my community. It was a productive conversation and this particular bill reflects the concern and need for adequate reporting of nursing home staff in order to ensure residents are safe and receiving quality health care.

When speaking with my constituents, they shared a concern of the current resident-to-staff ratio at nursing homes and how this affects a nursing home's ability to adequately care for their residents. I understand our health care system faces many challenges, and believe this bill is a positive step towards addressing some of the complex issues we face today. For this reason, I respectfully ask the committee to consider favorable passage of **SB-375**.

Thank you all for your time and consideration. I look forward to working with my colleagues to ensure people have the opportunity to live their healthiest life possible.

Sincerely,

Douglas McCrory

State Senator – 2nd District